



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2020 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program

Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the DHS to help strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. IBSGP provides funds to intercity bus companies to protect surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

In Fiscal Year 2020, DHS is providing \$2 million to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism.

Funding

In FY 2020, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program is \$2 million. FY 2020 IBSGP funds are awarded to support the creation of a sustainable program for the protection of intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants under the FY 2020 IBSGP are private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus that have completed a vulnerability assessment and developed a security plan that the Secretary of Homeland Security has approved as described in Section 1531 of the 9/11 Act. Eligibility for funding is limited to applicants that meet one or both of the following criteria:

- Operate fixed-route intercity bus transportation providing services to one or more historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas.
- Operate a charter bus service using over-the-road buses and provide a minimum of 50 trips annually to one or more historically eligible UASI-designated urban areas.

Funding Guidelines

IBSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2020 IBSGP NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following three national priorities in their IJs:

1. Cybersecurity
 2. Soft targets and crowded places
 3. Emerging threats
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Application Process

Applying for an award under the IBSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the April 15, 2020 (at 5 p.m. ET) application deadline through the Grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants needing Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#) by the application deadline. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

IBSGP Resources

A variety of resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with IBSGP, including:

- The FY 2020 IBSGP NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail to ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.